(e) Total number of new telephone lines sanctioned in Gujarat including Ahmedabad Telephones from 1.4.84 to 31.12.86 is 58459.

**Statement**

| Sl.No. | Name of the Unit | Number of Telephone Sanctioned during | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1983-84 | 1984-85 | 1985-86 |
| 1. | Gujarat Telecom Circle (Including Baroda, Rajkot & Surat Districts) . . . . . | 7884 | 7099 | 11026 |
| 2. | Ahmedabad Telephone District . . . . . | 8188 | 8894 | 10016 |

**DTC Fare Hike**

859. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) when were the fares of DTC last hiked and by how much;

(b) whether at that time it had been promised that 400 new buses would be added to the existing fleet of 4956 buses, if so, how many buses have been added till date; and

(c) what action has been taken to remove the various grievances of the commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The DTC fares were revised w.e.f. 8-2-1986. The comparative break up of fares upto 7-2-86 and w.e.f. 8-2-86 is given hereunder:—

| Distance Kms. | Fares (in paise) upto | Distance Kms. | Fares (in paise) w.e.f. 8-2-86 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Upto 4 . . . . . | 30 | Upto 6 | 50 |
| Upto 16 . . . . . | 40 | Upto 16 | 100 |
| Upto 20 . . . . . | 50 | 16 + | 150 |
| 20+ . . . . . | 75 | | |

(b) The DTC added 202 buses to its own fleet during 1986-87. Order has been placed for 308 chassis and order for another 100 chassis is being placed. Deliveries of completed buses against its proposed purchase of 408 buses will materialise during the next financial year.

(c) Besides the Central Complaint Cell which functions round the clock at DTC headquarters, Regional Complaint Cells in all the 4 regions have also been set up. Public complaints are also received on telephone. The DTC have issued standing instructions to attend to all public complaints/grievances promptly.